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Metrological characteristics of the determination of chromium using separation of the useful signal from noise, background, harmful signals by the emission spectra of steels

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Abstract

In the method of laser-spark emission spectrometry (LIBS), due to the burning of a local portion of the sample and the creation of plasma, the effect of the surface is negligible. This circumstance makes it possible to analyze steels without preliminary polishing. Also, the ability to focus laser radiation allows for local and layer-by-layer analysis of various composite materials and coatings. The LIBS method covers a wavelength range of approximately 190-950 nm. The reproducibility of the spectra depends mainly on the physical characteristics of the sources of excitation of the spectra – temperature, electron concentration, the residence time of atoms in the excitation zone of the spectra, and the stability of the source regime. In this work, it is proposed to use the SPECTRUM and METROLOGY software products, created by the authors of this work, to discriminate noise, background and harmful signals from a useful signal in manual and automatic modes. After identifying the principal components, detecting noises and misses, and determining the values and intervals of oscillations of the principal components, the stage of mathematical modeling of the spectra follows. On the basis of an integrated system consisting of modern equipment, standard samples and spectra of steels and the SPECTRUM program, the possibility of improving the metrological characteristics of the analysis of elements in low-alloy steel samples is shown.

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